

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 184

BY SENATOR N. GAUTREAUX

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. Provides relative to the disposition of certain funds payable to the state as the lessor of certain mineral leases. (8/15/10)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:136(D), relative to the State Mineral and Energy Board; to provide relative to the disposition of certain funds payable to the state as the lessor of certain mineral leases; to provide for reimbursement of certain monies to the Mineral Resources Operation Fund; to provide terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:136(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§136. Funds, disposition and appropriation of; penalties

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**D. Of revenues received in each fiscal year by the state through judgments or settlements, even if a civil action is not commenced, resulting from underpayment to the state of severance taxes, royalty payments, bonus payments, rentals, shut-in payments or other sums payable to the state as lessor under the terms of a valid mineral lease, an amount equal to the actual costs expended from the Mineral Resources Operation Fund and any attorney fees incurred shall be deposited into the Mineral Resources Operation Fund.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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DIGEST

Present law provides for the payment of bonuses, rentals, royalties, shut-in payments, or other sums payable to the state as the lessor under the terms of valid existing mineral leases entered into by the state and under the supervision of the State Mineral and Energy Board.

Proposed law provides that of revenues received in each fiscal year by the state through judgments or settlements, even if a civil action is not commenced, resulting from underpayment to the state of severance taxes, royalty payments, bonus payments, rentals, shut-in payments or other sums payable to the state as lessor under the terms of a valid mineral lease, an amount equal to the actual costs expended from the Mineral Resources Operation Fund and any attorney fees incurred will be deposited into the Mineral Resources Operation Fund.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 30:136(D))